organized, which are followed by periodical review during Zonal Conferences.

(d) and (e) No report on adulternation of Fertilizers in Andhra Pradesh has been reported. However, during last two years i.e. 2003-04 and 2004-05 the percentage of non-standard fertilizer samples reported by State Govt. was 1.1 and 1.7% respectively.

Dairy development plan for Rajasthan

587. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the objectives and genesis of Consolidated Dairy Development Plan;

(b) the targets, if any, fixed for Rajasthan, under this plan;

(c) the number of proposals that have been received by Government from the Rajasthan Government under the Plan;

(d) the action taken thereon; and

(e) by when the approval is likely to be granted to those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries has no such consolidated dairy development plan.

(b) to (e) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

Sugarcane production in Tamil Nadu

588. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sugarcane growers are unable to produce good crop in the absence of technical knowledge of production and quality of agriculture fields in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of assistance being provided by Government to the sugarcane growers alongwith the main features of the scheme for the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Assistance is provided to sugarcane growers by the Government under the scheme of Macro Management Mode of Agriculture for development of sugarcane including use of varieties by transfer of improved production technologies through field demonstration; training of farmers and extension workers; assistance for farm implements; enhancing production of planting materials and pest control measures. The main features of the Tenth Five Year Plan of the scheme for the development of sugarcane are transfer of production technologies through field demonstration and training of farmers and extension workers as well as assistance in the supply of critical inputs like quality planting materials, farm implements, pest control measures, supply of drip irrigation and setting of heat treatment plants in different sugarcane growing States under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture.

Besides, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food an Public Distribution provides loans to sugar mills from the Sugar Development Fund for the development of sugarcane for various activities like raising of nurseries for seed production, incentives to farmers for improved varieties, setting up of tissue culture laboratories, drip irrigation facilities and ratoon management.

Overcharging on Medicines by Pharma Companies

†589. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many big companies of the country had charged excess amount than the fixed price of drugs from customers during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a committee had been constituted by Government for taking action in this regard separately;

(c) if so, whether any decision has been taken to dissolve this committee; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.